

only during National Family Caregivers Month, but every day, and embrace those commonsense solutions like this one.

So in honor of my parents, I would like to say that many of us across the country who are dealing with this have so much heartache and so much difficulty and so much difficult decisions that I am always trying to seek the best way to try to help those families who are going down that path.

Thank you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, in honor of the parents—and so many others—of Senator CAPITO, I thank her for her empathetic, compassionate remarks. We all have had friends and family who have suffered, and her remarks are really appropriate.

So thank you for that.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the vote take place immediately after my remarks.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSOR TO S. 3076

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I also ask unanimous consent that Senator OSSOFF of Georgia be added as a cosponsor of S. 3076, a bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, not a unanimous consent request, but I note that joining me on the floor today is Ben Ashman, for whom we have given consent to be on the floor as a Senate fellow in our office for the year.

#### NOMINATION OF GRAHAM SCOTT STEELE

Mr. President, I rise to urge my colleagues for the upcoming vote to join me in supporting Graham Steele, the President's nominee for Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions at the Department of Treasury.

Graham is my friend. Graham is a former staff member of the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee and was a stellar—was and is a stellar public servant.

I know from personal experience how ready Mr. Steele is for this job. Graham spent 7 years in my personal Senate office and on the Senate Banking and Housing Committee staff when I became ranking member.

He was a senior trusted aide. He worked with staff of so many of my colleagues from both parties. In a Senate that is, frankly, too divided and a Senate that is too rigid in its partisanship, five Republicans on the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee joined in supporting Graham Steele when we voted him out of committee a month or so ago, and that is because of his relationships, because of his honesty.

He has extensive financial services experience, a track record of bipartisanship, and a history to make our system work for everyone. He understands the far-reaching effects the financial system has on workers and their families.

Throughout his career, Graham has forged close relationships with civil rights groups; with consumer advocates; and with organizations, like the bipartisan Ohio Bankers League that wrote in support of his nomination.

He stood up for families, for communities, for Main Street businesses against Wall Street greed and corruption. He has worked across the aisle to get things done for the American people.

As minority chief counsel for the Banking and Housing Committee, and as my staff director of the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, he crafted legislation, he worked with other offices, he worked with community banks, and he fought to protect all Americans' finances.

He worked on a broad set of issues with two Republican chairs, Senator CRAPO of Idaho and Senator SHELBY of Alabama. He worked with their staffs, worked with people on both sides of the aisle.

He did vital work during and after the 2008 financial crisis, as we worked to stabilize our financial system.

In his work for our office, he traveled around Ohio in the years that followed. He talked to Ohioans who had lost their homes and saw their communities devastated by Wall Street's—and I underscore "Wall Street's"—great recession. Wall Street didn't experience much of the recession; Wall Street caused the recession. I make that clear.

He understands the importance of listening to workers. He understands how the financial industry affects their lives every day.

He has put results for Americans above partisanship. He worked with Senator Johanns, a Republican from Nebraska, who has since retired. He worked with Senator COLLINS, a Republican from Maine, on an important fix to insurance regulations. He worked with Senator MORAN of Kansas on innovative ways to encourage families to increase savings.

In his current role at the Stanford Graduate School of Business, Graham researches important issues at the intersection of markets and business and government, looking at ways to promote a more accountable economy.

At Treasury, Graham Steele would oversee an office that plays a pivotal role in coordinating the Department's efforts on financial institution policy, community and economic development, insurance, and cybersecurity and critical infrastructure protections.

He would lead an office that oversees the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, CDFI.

His qualifications and his experience are obvious. Graham and the staff of many of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle can attest to his commitment to service and the ability to find common ground—something that will serve him well at Treasury working with Secretary Yellen and will serve this body and our government well.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the nomination of Graham Steele. He will serve admirably, I am sure of that. I can think of no better person to serve in this role at this very consequential time in our Nation's history.

I yield the floor.

#### VOTE ON STEELE NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LUJÁN). Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Steele nomination?

Mr. BROWN. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE).

The result was announced—yeas 53, nays 42, as follows:

#### [Rollcall Vote No. 467 Ex.]

##### YEAS—53

Baldwin	Heinrich	Reed
Bennet	Hickenlooper	Romney
Blumenthal	Hirono	Rosen
Booker	Kaine	Rounds
Brown	Kelly	Sanders
Cantwell	King	Schatz
Cardin	Klobuchar	Schumer
Carper	Leahy	Scott (SC)
Casey	Lujan	Sinema
Collins	Manchin	Smith
Coons	Menendez	Stabenow
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Tester
Crapo	Moran	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Murphy	Warner
Durbin	Murray	Warnock
Feinstein	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Padilla	Wyden
Graham	Peters	

##### NAYS—42

Barrasso	Fischer	Paul
Blackburn	Grassley	Portman
Blunt	Hagerty	Risch
Boozman	Hawley	Rubio
Braun	Hoeben	Sasse
Burr	Hyde-Smith	Scott (FL)
Capito	Johnson	Shelby
Cassidy	Kennedy	Sullivan
Cornyn	Lankford	Thune
Cotton	Lee	Tillis
Cramer	Lummis	Toomey
Cruz	Marshall	Tuberville
Daines	McConnell	Wicker
Ernst	Murkowski	Young

##### NOT VOTING—5

Hassan	Markey	Warren
Inhofe	Shaheen	

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the